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3. Finan. Mgmt of COR/MURAL Programs, payloads only

Under the initial COR Program (first 12 payloads) CIA performed neces budgeting, furnished required funding, and the Proj Officer was acctbl to the DDP and DCI. All budget and funding matters were handled directly between Bissell and BOB who in turn made funds available to CIA. Financial mgmt reports by the Proj Off were submitted to the DDP and DCI.

Under the COR Prime and Triple Prime (n3xt 38 payloads) CIA performed necessary budgeting and funding mgmt. However, in thks case funds were transferred from HQS USAF to the CIA Comptroller. The CIA Proj Office was acctbl to the DDP and DCI; as in the first instance most budget and funding matters were again directly between the DDP and BOB. However financial reports regarding the obligation and expenditure of funds were furnished by the CIA Proj Office to Hqs USAF (Mr. Heyer) as well as the DD/P and DCI.

The MURAL Program (next 22 payloads) represented a departure from above. It was at this time that NRO was created, Bissell resigned. The MURAL Program marked the start of the ~~assosiated~~ contract system in lieu of the prime/subcontractor relationship which existed prev. In addtn the responsibility for COR Prog insofar as CIA was concerned was assigned to the newly created DD/R. As result of above, CIA Proj Office submitted budget info to the NRO Comptroller and a mutually agreed upon CIA/NRO budget was agreed upon. Funds of the prog were transferred from NRO Comptr to CIA Comptr. The CIA Proj Office (Dir, Prog B) was accountable to both the NRO Comptroller and the DD/R and CIA Comptroller for financial mgmt reports.

The current J config program (next 20 payloads) was initiated at onset of FY 1963. CIA Proj Office (ProgB) submitted the original budget for this in FY 63 to the NRO Comptr and again there was a mutual CIA/NRO budget agreed upon and funds transferred to the CIA Comptr. Accountability to NRO AND HIGHER CIA echelons was again similar to MURAL. In FY 64 the DNRO assigned budget responsibility to Dir Prog A. but CIA Project Dir (B) was required to furnish budget and funding information to the NRO Comptroller and Dir Prog A. Final negotiations of the budget were effected betw NRO Comptr and CIA Proj Office. Funds transferred to CIA Comptr by NRO as previously. CIA Proj Off. accountable to NRO and submits reports thereto w/ikn f2 to D/ProgA.

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Tech Mgmt of COR/MURAL Project under OSA:



TD to vehicle contractors by/through SSD ~~RE~~ SPO 162.

TD to payload contractors by/t rough CCB, composed of
reps from 162, SSD, NRO, CIA. CCB meets monthly.